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Drs. Michele Evans and Alan Zonderman National Institutes of Health HANDLS 5600 Nathan Shock Drive Baltimore, MD 21224

Dear Drs. Evans and Zonderman:

Thank you for bringing to my attention information regarding your Healthy Aging in Neighborhoods of Diversity Across the Life Span study. As one who must attempt to stay up to date on a broad range of issues, I greatly appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me, and congratulate you on your efforts to better understand and improve the health of Maryland's urban communities.

You can be certain that I will carefully consider the information and viewpoints that you have provided as I face the critical issues that come before the Senate. If you would like to meet with a member of my staff regarding the HANDLS study, please contact my scheduler Cheryl Fox at (202)-224-4524.

I appreciate having the benefit the information you have provided me, and hope you will not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance in the future.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Sarbanes

United States Senator

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